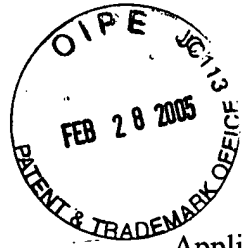


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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this response to the Office Action mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 23, 2004. A response to the Office Action is due February 23, 2004.

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